

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

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R 201558Z DEC 76  
FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6034

S E C R E T CARACAS 14637

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, VE  
SUBJECT: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING

REF: CARACAS 14554

MINISTER OF INTERIOR OCTAVIO LEPAGE TOLD THE  
AMBASSADOR DECEMBER 17 THAT GENERAL MONTANARO WAS  
NOT RPT NOT BEING PLACED IN CHARGE OF THE NIEHOUS  
INVESTIGATION. THE MINISTER ALLEGES THAT ERASTO  
FERNANDEZ CONTINUES TO BE IN CHARGE.  
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## Message Attributes

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